

Dated: November 9, 1999.

**Morton Schnabel,**

*Director, Office of Export Trading Company Affairs.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

[I.D. 110999A]

**Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request.**

The Department of Commerce (DOC) has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

*Agency:* National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

*Title:* Requirements for Certified Observer Contractors of the North Pacific.

*Agency Form Number:* None.

*OMB Approval Number:* 0648-0318.

*Type of Request:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

*Burden Hours:* 213 new hours (2,106 hours total).

*Number of Respondents:* 31.

*Average Hours per Response:* Ranges between 7 minutes and 60 hours depending on requirement.

*Needs and Uses:* In the North Pacific contractors provide observer services to the Alaskan groundfish fishery. Observers collect basic fishery data such as catch and composition of groundfish, catch and mortality of prohibited species and marine mammals, and other data necessary for stock assessment, conservation, and research. Companies must be certified to provide such services, and new entrants must supply information showing they meet the criteria for certification. Anyone wishing to apply for certification as a observer contractor must submit a narrative application which details how they plan to carry out the responsibilities and duties of an observer contractor. The information collected assist the National Marine Fisheries Service Observer Program to coordinate and conduct effective scheduling of observers for training, briefing and debriefing sessions, maintaining a logistical observer deployment database for recordkeeping purposes, and monitor the ongoing ability of a company to meet the requirements of a certified observer contractor.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households and businesses or other for-profit institutions.

*Frequency:* On occasion.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Mandatory.

*OMB Desk Officer:* David Rostker, (202) 395-3897.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Linda Engelmeier, DOC Forms Clearance Officer, (202) 482-3272, Department of Commerce, Room 5027, 14<sup>th</sup> and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at LEngelme@doc.gov).

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication to David Rostker, OMB Desk Officer, Room 10202, New Executive Office Building, 724 17<sup>th</sup> Street, NW, Washington, DC 20503.

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**Linda Engelmeier,**

*Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

[I.D. 110899A]

**Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings**

**AGENCY:** National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council will convene a public meeting of the Socioeconomic Panel (SEP).

**DATES:** A meeting of the SEP will be held beginning at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 2, and will conclude by 12:00 p.m. on Friday December 3, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Tampa Airport Hilton Hotel, 2225 Lois Avenue, Tampa, Florida 33607; telephone 813-877-6688.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Antonio B. Lamberte, Economist, Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council, 3018 U.S. Highway 301 North, Suite 1000, Tampa, Florida 33619; telephone: 813-228-2815.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The SEP will convene to review Draft Amendment for a Charter Vessel/Headboat Permit Moratorium. This plan

amendment proposes to impose a moratorium on the issuance of new permits for reef fish and coastal pelagics charter vessels/headboats. The SEP will prepare a report containing its conclusions and recommendations on the plan amendment. This report will be presented for review to the Council's Standing Scientific and Statistical Committee and Ad Hoc Charter Vessel Advisory Panel at meetings to be held in early January 2000. The SEP report will also be presented to the Council at its meeting on January 17-20, 2000 in Fort Walton Beach, Florida.

Composing the SEP membership are economists, sociologists, and anthropologists from various universities and state fishery agencies throughout the Gulf. They advise the Council on the social and economic implications of certain fishery management measures.

A copy of the agenda can be obtained by calling 813-228-2815. Although other non-emergency issues not on the agendas may come before the SEP for discussion, in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during these meetings. Actions of the SEP will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in the agendas and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action under Section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act, provided the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take action to address the emergency.

The meeting is open to the public and is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to the Council office by November 26, 1999.

Dated: November 8, 1999.

**Bruce C. Morehead,**

*Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

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**Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting**

**AGENCY:** National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.